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**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Introduction**

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

**Seasonal adjustment**

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

**Related publications**

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

**Symbols and other usages**

p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision  
 n.a. not available

n.y.a. not yet available

— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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### PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1983-84—															
October	9,679		43.3	9,153	9,280	38,608	40,086	525	535	433	417	30.4	28.7	223	188
November	10,340	20,094	40.9	8,813	9,267	35,308	37,543	488	520	446	424	34.5	30.3	246	201
December	7,196		30.2	8,757	9,370	30,234	36,995	513	514	434	438	25.9	29.2	213	208
January	6,607		32.1	8,492	9,363	28,801	35,497	521	503	244	369	12.3	37.7	100	255
February	10,268	20,789	38.1	8,795	9,427	33,034	37,732	470	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,441		33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	37.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,915		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	427	26.7	31.8	152	183
May	11,837	22,793	29.7	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	32.8	152	165
June	10,840		45.7	10,174	9,379	42,355	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194
1984-85—															
July	11,307		41.9	11,308	9,755	46,095	36,456	565	522	482	453	37.9	33.2	194	190
August	11,788	22,580	39.7	10,726	9,624	42,394	36,793	535	506	503	475	40.6	34.0	231	192
September	11,019		38.3	9,789	9,874	41,307	39,380	534	572	471	472	35.8	34.9	175	144
October	12,981		40.3	9,722	9,729	38,514	39,545	546	547	488	470	37.6	33.2	199	160
November	12,247	n.y.a.	38.9	9,356	9,832	36,316	39,078	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	228	191
December	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,227	9,933	31,273	38,317	551	559	455	469	29.1	34.6	151	152

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

### PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketeting) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes	Price index manufacturing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factory(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.	
1983-84—															
October	2,943	2,642	903	826	12,750	11,631	180	170	378.7	769	479	106,978	80.0		
November	2,948	3,010	1,170	861	13,656	12,635	171	165	380.1	723	470	90,438	73.9	33,860	33,898
December	2,385	2,735	628	725	9,510	11,381	139	152	381.8	661	479	48,911	78.5		
January	869	2,490	565	929	5,337	13,677	135	155	383.8	551	473	33,962	75.0		
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	920	12,899	13,069	160	159	385.0	440	492	43,552	76.5	34,389	34,385
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	161	159	386.1	381	505	47,363	73.9		
April	2,365	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,390	75.9		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,872	175	161	390.3	293	535	34,959	78.0	(e)35,140	(e)35,252
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,184	77.2		
1984-85—															
July	3,467	3,412	784	790	14,107	12,374	178	174	395.0	p344	p518	p43,878	p80.0		
August	3,169	2,646	844	825	14,366	12,689	171	165	397.0	p493	p485	p82,222	p81.8	36,427	36,242
September	3,462	3,046	775	830	14,076	13,412	155	147	398.3	p640	p483	p104,181	p81.3		
October	2,973	2,639	841	669	14,772	13,114	p171	p148	p399.4	p768	p466	p127,815	p79.9		
November	3,186	3,084	1,031	821	14,129	12,806	p164	p161	p743	p487	p106,568	p77.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
December	2,900	3,587	597	730	10,809	13,555	p154	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) See page 2. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports		Value of total imports		Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.							
	\$m	\$m									
<b>1983-84—</b>											
October	1,991	1,924					209	113.9	-630	1,893	11,621
November	2,081	1,916	4,743	4,471			208		-462	957	12,009
December	2,010	1,787					207		-335	1,486	13,350
January	2,120	1,956					207		-464	301	12,796
February	2,005	2,012	4,942	4,810			206	113.1	-644	371	12,373
March	2,103	2,131					205		-669	335	12,241
April	1,990	1,650					205		-205	123	12,217
May	2,144	2,560	5,194	5,076			206	114.6	-1,065	980	12,297
June	2,472	2,252					209		-668	323	12,417
<b>1984-85—</b>											
July	2,454	2,471					213		-1,045	1,114	12,632
August	2,296	2,624	5,567	5,392			214	p119.9	-941	1,183	12,618
September	2,547	2,158					p214		-405	134	12,431
October	2,316	2,608					p213		-1,125	886	12,024
November	2,543	2,455	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-787	1,010	12,066
December	n.y.a.	1,836					n.y.a.		-517	341	12,058

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
<b>1983-84—</b>												
October	3,528	3,625							34.2	36.2	10.1	10.8
November	3,779	3,639	5,886	5,494	4,211	3,600	2,227	1,876	38.9	38.1	11.1	11.4
December	5,027	3,652							38.2	38.4	11.3	12.3
January	3,385	3,667							31.6	38.0	10.0	12.3
February	3,374	3,664	5,397	5,459	3,223	3,655	1,770	1,889	37.4	38.5	12.2	12.2
March	3,641	3,675							42.8	40.7	14.4	12.8
April	3,457	3,701							34.7	39.1	11.6	12.5
May	3,807	3,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.0	14.8	13.2
June	3,540	3,703							42.9	40.9	14.6	13.1
<b>1984-85—</b>												
July	3,600	3,804							42.3	40.3	15.3	13.9
August	3,707	3,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.5	37.4	14.4	13.3
September	3,563	3,785							37.7	40.7	11.5	13.0
October	3,865	3,864							43.5	42.5	13.3	13.1
November	4,081	3,902	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	41.4	12.5	13.2
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p39.4	p41.2	p11.3	p12.6

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: August 1984 \$204m; September 1984 \$188m; October 1984 \$218m;

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Award rates of pay indexes, adult persons June 1976 to 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education
1983-84—													
October	362.00	237.20	193.5		132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
November			193.7	(b)1.34									
December			193.8	(c).09									
January			193.9										
February	370.60	246.50	194.1	1.05	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			194.1										
April			202.1										
May	386.80	256.20	202.2	1.11	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
June			202.3										
1984-85—													
July			202.3										
August	386.20	256.20	202.3	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7
September			202.3										
October			202.3										
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	202.3	1.22	135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
December			n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0. (b) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. (c) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6330.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m	Dwellings commenced '000 units	Materials used in house building(a)	Materials used in building other than house building(b)	Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(c)			
	Original	Seas. adj.						Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.						Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—													
August	1,014.5	933.9	12.4	11.6	186.9	2,782.2	2,648.0	31.7	30.3	p433.3	p144.1	822.6	828.5
September	979.8	940.5	12.5	12.2	156.4					p436.4	p145.1		
October	975.5	974.2	12.5	12.2	169.6					p439.9	p146.1		
November	992.7	929.2	12.9	12.0	217.0	2,847.4	2,970.5	34.2	33.7	p442.6	p147.2	932.9	833.8
December	898.3	967.9	12.0	13.2	195.2					p445.6	p147.7		
January	759.0	953.7	9.9	12.4	180.3					p449.9	p148.2		
February	957.8	1,036.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.7	p457.0	p149.1	740.9	869.7
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	16.2	16.2	161.3					p468.8	p150.0		
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					p462.6	p150.9		
May	1,308.9	1,125.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,518.9		38.0	37.6	p465.6	p151.6	907.6	885.2
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					p466.1	p152.1		
1984-85—													
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					p467.8	p152.5		
August	1,235.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p469.8	p153.0	867.7	863.3
September	1,007.0	1,054.3	12.4	12.6	156.5					p471.5	p153.5		
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
November	1,147.0	1,356.1	14.6	14.0	347.7					n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies		Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield new money raised (e)		Listed companies		Taxation revenue
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		balances outstanding (c)		Banks \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	short dated (f)	per cent	\$m	Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—																
October	31,822	31,976	31,923	31,961	24,928	24,625	28,218	474	236	117	12.00			3,399		
November	32,091	32,270	32,234	31,855	25,231	25,132	28,321	570	314	142	11.00	446.0		4,182		
December	33,181	32,842	32,952	32,657	25,642	25,514	28,500	467	303	131	11.60			3,626		
January	33,861	33,451	32,554	32,576	25,351	25,576	28,259	483	274	122	12.05			4,420		
February	34,308	33,614	32,999	32,777	25,280	25,793	28,249	627	340	145	12.35	155.6		4,230		
March	33,899	33,724	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	28,389	600	368	155	12.70			4,381		
April	33,255	33,784	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	28,398	516	324	133	12.35			6,488		
May	33,745	34,075	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	28,860	635	374	152	12.70	731.5		6,114		
June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	29,473	567	300	136	12.25			5,052		
1984-85—																
July	(g)34,077	(g)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	29,428	590	330	117	12.10			n.y.a.		
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	29,838	678	336	117	11.10	1,290		n.y.a.		
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	30,080	630	285	112	11.85			n.y.a.		
October	34,982	35,161	35,714	35,604	28,212	27,865	30,100	784	315	128	12.10			n.y.a.		
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,165	28,061	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.50	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		
December	36,078	35,715	37,063	36,799	28,875	28,735	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.90			n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank.

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**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(Sm)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>AT CURRENT PRICES</b>																
1982-83— June	40,467	41,533	691	1,400	19,776	40,133	25,837	26,128	7,825	7,483	6,063	5,746	4,012	3,430		
1983-84— September	42,867	43,871	1,444	2,357	41,423	41,514	27,051	27,135	7,435	7,585	5,494	5,571	3,469	3,780		
December	50,315	45,236	4,450	2,249	45,865	42,987	29,604	28,014	8,084	7,719	6,302	5,974	3,661	3,500		
March	45,125	47,146	2,145	2,254	42,980	44,892	27,528	28,557	7,713	8,325	5,236	5,791	3,507	3,988		
June	46,928	49,016	1,080	2,361	45,848	36,655	28,665	28,988	8,859	8,472	6,906	6,616	4,151	3,506		
1984-85— September	48,028	48,871	1,422	2,021	46,606	46,850	29,266	29,531	8,790	8,964	6,131	6,171	3,714	4,075		
<b>AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES</b>																
1982-83— June	29,017	30,029	872	1,511	28,145	28,518	18,787	18,971	5,520	5,275	4,333	4,104	2,752	2,352		
1983-84— September	30,518	31,344	1,505	2,180	29,013	29,164	19,283	19,372	5,259	5,358	3,930	3,987	2,365	2,577		
December	35,475	31,535	3,877	2,071	31,598	29,464	20,713	19,574	5,434	5,256	4,452	4,222	2,429	2,321		
March	30,830	32,282	1,937	2,053	28,893	30,229	18,913	19,645	5,251	5,603	3,710	4,105	2,309	2,627		
June	31,322	32,983	1,153	2,211	30,169	30,772	19,487	19,684	5,788	5,533	4,797	4,591	2,667	2,251		
1984-85— September	32,037	32,693	1,488	1,927	30,549	30,766	19,587	19,800	5,722	5,827	4,198	4,227	2,369	2,600		
<b>AT CURRENT PRICES—continued</b>																
<b>Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises</b>																
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83— June	6,852	6,913	6,201	6,134	4,580	4,836	6,980	8,239	22,984	22,760	-275	14,056	9,026	27,739		
1983-84— September	7,395	7,232	6,513	6,563	5,154	5,136	9,370	9,926	22,937	23,067	459	12,690	5,215	30,871		
December	7,153	7,202	6,922	6,813	6,189	5,226	13,003	9,918	25,261	24,261	3,215	15,239	5,621	38,094		
March	7,625	7,686	6,978	7,030	5,537	6,310	9,608	10,271	23,726	24,398	1,036	12,910	7,071	30,602		
June	8,134	8,212	7,393	7,320	5,849	6,162	8,411	10,430	25,802	25,835	-5	15,653	10,858	30,592		
1984-85— September	9,281	9,079	8,041	8,234	5,787	5,768	10,164	10,372	25,820	26,070	316	14,356	7,036	33,456		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a)  
('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b)  
('000)

JOB  
VACANCIES  
('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1984-84—														
September	4,406.7	4,388.4	2,672.4	2,650.4	7,079.1	7,038.8	410.3	208.8	101.9	435.0	285.9	720.9	653.1	
October	4,359.3	4,379.8	2,630.0	2,634.6	6,989.3	7,014.4	384.5	183.0	85.6	400.8	252.3	624.7	624.7	(c) 19.1
November	4,352.6	4,388.7	2,649.7	2,647.9	7,002.3	7,036.6	365.5	176.7	82.6	385.9	238.9			
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0		
January	4,402.1	4,386.9	2,569.9	2,636.5	6,972.0	7,043.4	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4	738.2	(d) 44.3
February	4,436.2	4,401.4	2,668.0	2,657.1	7,104.2	7,058.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	701.0		
March	4,457.1	4,431.0	2,748.2	2,697.9	7,205.3	7,128.9	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3		676.7	
April	4,422.2	4,433.3	2,733.5	2,727.5	7,155.8	7,160.9	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2		637.0	34.8
May	4,421.5	4,426.8	2,706.1	2,699.3	7,127.5	7,126.1	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8			
June	4,417.2	4,448.2	2,715.7	2,731.0	7,132.8	7,179.2	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1		634.1	
1984-85—														
July	4,422.3	4,435.6	2,699.5	2,709.6	7,121.8	7,145.2	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7	604.6	37.6
August	4,393.9	4,430.7	2,673.0	2,697.4	7,066.9	7,128.1	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	223.1			
September	4,435.8	4,415.8	2,758.4	2,732.2	7,194.2	7,147.9	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5		621.3	
October	4,402.2	4,419.1	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,140.5	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7		578.8	
November	4,397.2	4,429.2	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,165.2	321.4	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2		571.3	39.8
December	4,462.3	4,416.3	2,788.3	2,746.4	7,250.6	7,162.7	345.2	181.7	99.9	374.8	252.0		626.8	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see the November 1983 issue of 6231.0. (d) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see Job Vacancies, Australia, February 1984 (6231.0) and New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a)

PERSONS ('000)

Month	Australia												Total	
	Government													
N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local	Total	Total	
1983—														
July	1,768.9	1,375.6	736.0	429.1	449.1	136.6	42.6	100.5	3,405.7	406.0	1,081.9	142.6	1,632.5	5,038.4
August	1,778.3	1,384.3	740.3	430.7	452.5	137.7	43.1	101.3	3,430.5	410.0	1,084.8	143.0	1,637.8	5,068.3
September	1,777.8	1,386.2	743.3	432.1	449.8	137.4	43.1	101.2	3,431.0	410.5	1,086.0	143.5	1,640.0	5,071.0
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5	5,084.2
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3	5,116.0
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.4	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3	1,630.8	5,111.8
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3	1,592.4	4,967.5
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3	1,626.8	5,053.4
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1	1,655.4	5,089.4
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,427.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.5	1,664.2	5,101.3
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8	1,656.8	5,118.0
June	1,806.3	1,378.1	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3	1,678.9	5,132.8
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5	1,680.5	5,192.8
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3	1,676.6	5,192.8
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7									

(a) New series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Includes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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